



## Municipal Income Tax Credit Reduction: What It Means To You

**T**he Lebanon City Council approved changes to the City's Tax Code on August 23, 2016 that reduced the amount of income tax credit for taxes paid to other municipalities by ½%. This reduction to the tax credit will generate about \$800,000 in annual revenue to allow the City to significantly reduce the backlog of required road repairs.

### What the Tax Credit Reduction Means to You

The credit reduction will not impact the way you file your City tax return for tax year 2016, but the preparation of your 2017 tax return *may* change.

If you work within the City of Lebanon, the 1% withholding tax on Box 5 of your W-2 Form will satisfy your City tax obligation and no further tax is due.

If you work outside the City of Lebanon, and pay local taxes to the city where you work, your local filing credit will be ½% of the withholding toward your City of Lebanon tax due. For example, a Lebanon

resident working in Cincinnati with wages of \$50,000, as reported in Box 5, will be withheld at the City of Cincinnati rate of 2.1%. The credit you will receive when you file your City of Lebanon taxes cannot exceed ½% of the wages earned.

Box 5 Taxable Wages	\$50,000
Lebanon City Tax Owed	\$500
Credit for Tax Paid to Other City	\$250
<i>Not to exceed ½%</i>	
Remaining Balance Due	\$250

Your employer may voluntarily withhold your City of Lebanon taxes at your request. Contact your employer's payroll department to determine eligibility.

For more information, visit our website at [www.lebanonohio.gov](http://www.lebanonohio.gov). Go to the *departments* tab and then click on *tax information* from the options provided.

**If you need any assistance with your municipal tax filing, please contact the City of Lebanon Tax Department at 513-933-7205.**

## Local Tax Filing Deadline is April 18, 2017

It's that time of year again to begin preparing for annual tax filing. Lebanon residents and businesses must make their local tax filing by April 18, 2017 to avoid any penalties. Filing is also required even if no tax is due.

Tax returns will not be mailed for 2016 filing. Please visit our website at [www.lebanonohio.gov](http://www.lebanonohio.gov) and go to the Finance Department page to download the forms. You have the option of completing the form online, which will auto calculate your information for you, so that you only need to print and sign, or you can print the forms and complete on your own. All completed forms must be submitted to the tax dept. by mail or in person. The mailing address is: City of Lebanon, Tax Dept., 50 South Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036.

For more information, contact the tax department at 933-7205.



## Register to Receive Emergency Alerts

**D**id you know the City of Lebanon uses CodeRED alert system to relay important information to residents by phone?

CodeRED is a high-speed messaging system that can deliver customized emergency notifications and instructions at a rate of 60,000 calls per hour. The system is primarily used to notify residents of important information, such as, utility disruptions, boil alerts, road closures, and other important

community-related information. The system is not used to relay weather-related information such as tornado warnings, since the system does not operate as rapidly as needed. Residents should rely on weather radios, local news, and the tornado sirens for this information.

Residential land line telephones automatically receive CodeRED messages, but you must register if you wish to receive the emergency notifications. You will know the call is from CodeRED alert

system when your Caller ID displays 999-911-9999 or Emergency Comm for Emergency Notifications. Register if:

- You want to be notified on your cell phone
- You have an unlisted phone number
- You have moved and need to update your phone number
- You use TDD/TTY
- You want to use your work phone as a back up to your home phone

To register, go to [www.lebanonohio.gov](http://www.lebanonohio.gov) and click on the CodeRED icon on the home page.

# Youth Sports

Register through Feb. 15, 2017 to guarantee a spot.



You will be placed into a division according to your age as determined by Little League guidelines.

Register: [www.lebanonbaseball.org](http://www.lebanonbaseball.org)  
Questions: [lyb45036@gmail.com](mailto:lyb45036@gmail.com)

## Divisions

### Tee-Ball

Ages 5-6

### 8U Coach Pitch Baseball

Ages 7-8

### 10U Baseball

Ages 9-10

### 12U Baseball

Ages 11-12

### 13U (50/70) Baseball

Ages 12-13

### Major Division Lynx

Ages 8-12

Lebanon Youth Soccer is now accepting Spring 2017 registration forms. Deadline is Feb. 1, 2017 for guaranteed placement.



Visit [www.lebanonsoccer.org](http://www.lebanonsoccer.org) or email [help@lebanonsoccer.org](mailto:help@lebanonsoccer.org) for more information.

## Here to Help

City Staff are here to serve our community with around the clock service.



The Service Department is available, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., to help you with all your needs including: utility billing questions & new accounts, park shelter reservations and more.

When City offices are closed, we are still here to help! The Lebanon Communications Center is available to help you with a variety of matters like: utility outage help, road conditions, weather-related contingencies, neighborhood nuisance concerns, and other non-emergency inquiries/help.

**SERVICE** M-F (8 am - 4:30 pm)  
**933-7200**

**COMM CENTER**  
Anytime After-Hours, 7 Days a Week  
**932-2010**



## Christmas Tree Pick-Up Guidelines

Residents placing their Christmas trees curbside for trash pickup need to follow these easy guidelines:

- If the tree is over 6 ft. in length, cut the tree in half.
- Make sure that all ornaments, tinsel, garland, plastic wraps or bags are removed.

More information about recycling can be found on our website at [www.lebanonohio.gov](http://www.lebanonohio.gov). Visit the Service Page and click Refuse and Recycling.

## Road Crews Are Prepared to Tackle Winter Storms

**I**t's that time of the year again when snow will become a major factor in our region's weather. Plowing begins in the City when snow is more than one-inch deep and forecasts indicate no melting will occur. The Streets Department is responsible for plowing over 180 lane miles of roadway in the City.

### Snow removal priority list

Emphasis is given to primary streets during plowing, which are major thoroughfares or streets with dangerous hills or curves. These streets are given top priority to ensure services such as police, ambulances, fire trucks and emergency equipment can respond. Secondary streets, which intersect major thoroughfares will be plowed and salted once primary streets have received treatment. Dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs will be plowed and salted last.

### Road salt has its limits

Road salt loses its melting ability below 20 degrees Fahrenheit. When the temperature plunges into the teens or below, the roads in the City are treated with a salt-brine solution. The solution, which is a mixture of 23 percent salt and 67 percent

water, places a salt layer on the roadways, preventing snow and ice from easily bonding to the pavement. However, when the temperatures drop for extended periods, neither salt nor salt-brine solution have much effect.

### Residents can help

The community also plays a large role in assisting the City with quick and efficient snow removal. The following are tips on how residents can help:

1. Remove parked cars from the street -especially in cul-de-sacs.
2. Do not push snow into the street.
3. Clear snow from the sidewalks in front of your home or business.
4. Be patient.